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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000
12 AG OUTLINE MAP 1:1,000,000
(Situation Map attached).

1. FRONT LINE: See Map.
2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.
3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

6TH ARMY GROUP. (171200B). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. I French Corps. 4th French Mountain Division. Advanced up to four miles south down the RHINE PLATEAU and occupied KLEINMANSWEIER W0374 and NONNENWEIER W0272 against light resistance. Front line change: W0272 - W0374 - W0773 - OBERWEIER W1275 - W1782 - W1890 - W2392. 9th Colonial Division. (With CC "2", CC "3" 1st French Armored Division, 9th Zouaves, 126th Inf and 2d Gp Moroccan Tabors atched). Advanced up to four miles south on a twelve mile front against spotty opposition. The division was attached to I Corps. Combat Command "2" and Combat Command "3" 1st French Armored Division were attached to the 4th French Mountain Division. Front line change: R2907 - R3106 - R3605 - R4003 - R4702 - R4700.

II French Corps. 2d Moroccan Division. Gained up to four miles south on a thirteen mile front, occupied BERNECK R6501 and ALTENSTEIG W6499 and reached FREUDENSTADT W5086. Front line change: W5086 - W5191 - W5595 - W6298 - R6300 - W6599 - R6501. 5th French Armored Division. Advanced up to five miles south against light resistance and captured EBERSHARDT R6801 and GAUGENWULD R6504. Front line change: R6504 - MARTINSMOOS R3605 - R6801 - R7107 - R7010. 3d Algerian Division. (With the 1st Gp Moroccan Tabors atched). Advanced up to three miles east on a four-mile front. Front line change: R7320 - R7126. 14th French Division. Continued movement to an assembly area east of the RHINE River.

SEVENTH ARMY. 36th and 103d Divisions. No change. 44th Division. (Less the 324th Inf). Relieved from attachment to XXI Corps and placed under army command.

VI Corps. 100th Division. Advanced one mile southeast against heavy artillery fire. Numerous mines were encountered. Front line change: S2254 - S2455. 10th Armored Division. Advanced four and one-half miles to HALL S4659 where scattered resistance was met. Front line change: S4660. 63d Division. Advanced one mile south on a four-mile front against light resistance. Front line change: S4767 - S4869 - S5470.

XXI Corps. 4th Division. (With the 324th Inf atched). Advanced up to four miles south on a nine-mile front. The 12th Infantry commenced to occupy ROTENBURG O. T. S7789. Front line change: S7184 - LEUZENDORF S7185 - S7387 - S7888 - S8190 - S8393. 12th Armored Division. Advanced south up to eight miles on a twelve-mile front. Front line change: T0393 - T0692 - DIETENHOFEN T1593 - T2194. 42d Division. Gained up to eight miles south against light resistance. Captured WILHERMSDF 01702, LANGEMENN 02204, KIRCHFEMBACH 02206, OBER MICHELBACH 02908 and UNTER MICHELBACH 03108. Combat Command "A" 12th Armored Division reverted to 12th Armored Division. Front line change: 01702 - 02204 - 02404 - 02602 - 02206 - 02009 - 02908 - 03108 - 02911.

XV Corps. 3d Division. Advanced south through SEBALDER WALD 04308. Front line change: 03612 - 04011 - 04209 - 04405 - 04608 - 04812. 45th Division. Attacked south and southwest against stiff opposition. The 180th Infantry attacked NURNBERG T4299 from the northeast and reached T1993. Front line change: T4997 - T4993 - T5193 - T5295 - T5796 - T5995 - T5991 - T6244. 14th Armored Division. Advanced up to seven miles east on a twenty-one-mile front against light opposition. Front line change: 07018 - 07920 - 08529 - 08448.

21 ARMY GROUP. (171200B). SECOND BRITISH ARMY. VIII Corps. 15th Division. (With the 6th Gds Tk Bde atched). Advanced two and one-half miles north on a three-and one-half mile front but continued fighting in UELZEN X8989. Front line change:

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OLDENSTADT X9190 - X9090 - WESTERWEYHE X8493. 6th Airborne Division. Gained five miles northeast on an eight-mile front. A bridge over the WIPPERAU River in the vicinity of Y0393 was captured intact. Front line change: X9885 - X9889 - Y0393 - Y0394 - Y0095 - X9798 - NS589 - MOLZEN X9293. 11th Armored Division. (With the 1st Commando Bde atchd). Gained up to seven miles on a five-mile front against scattered resistance. Reconnaissance units reached AMELINGHUSN S6306 and ALTEM-MEDINGEN S9207. Front line change: X8293 - X8095 - X8597 - S9002 - S8408 - S8201 - S7100 - X6799.

XII Corps. 7th Armored Division. (With the 155th Bde atchd). Captured SOLTAN X4190. Other units attacking north gained up to nine miles on a three-mile front. Front line change: X4388 - X4190 - X4492 - X3993 - S4106 - S4218 - S3619 - X3410. Guards Armored Division. Relieved from attachment to XXI Corps and attached to XII Corps. Concentrated in forward assembly areas on the left of the 7th Armored Division and then attacked north directed on VISSELHOVEDE X2439. 53d Division. (With the 4th Armd and 156th Bde atchd). Captured VERDEN X0081 and gained up to three miles on a nine-mile front. Front line change: X1190 - X1193 - X0990 - X0889 - X0685 - X0185 - X0085. 52d Division. (Less the 155th and 156th Bdes). 156th Brigade was attached to the 53d Division.

XXX Corps. 3d Division. (With the 52d Rcn Regt atchd). Gained one mile on a five-mile front against stiff opposition. Front line change: W7091 - W6491 - W6487. 51st Division. Advanced north against heavy opposition and reached W5987. The 153d Brigade was relieved by units of the 43d Division. Front line change: W5987. 43d Division. (With the 8th Armd Bde atchd). Relieved units of the 51st Division and advanced up to three miles north on the Division front. Front line change: W4787 - W3981 - W3675 - W3478 - W3281 - W3081.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. I British Corps. No change.

II Canadian Corps. 4th Canadian Armored Division. Continued to hold a small bridgehead over the KUSTEN Canal in the vicinity of W1399 against heavy opposition. Front line change: W1499 - R1300. 1st Polish Armored Division. Continued fighting in BORSUM V6993 and advanced two and one-half-miles north. Front line change: Q7305 - Q6409 and Q5615 - Q4919. 2d Canadian Division. (With the 1st Cdn Rcn Regt atchd). The 5th Brigade established a bridgehead over the canal in the area Q2216. The 6th Brigade advanced up to eight miles northeast. Reconnaissance elements reached the vicinity of Q2135. Front line change: Q2717 - Q3027 - Q2423. 3d Canadian Division. Continued mopping up pockets of resistance in HARLINGEN U4411 and the area Z4398. Units continued to advance to the north and west and gained up to four miles. Front line change: U8632 and U4502 - U4600 - Z4398 and Z6885.

I Canadian Corps. 1st Canadian Division. Captured APELDOORN Z7902 and advanced up to seven miles on a nine-mile front. Forward units contacted the 5th Canadian Armored Division. Front line change: Z7804 - Z7108 - Z7106 - Z6804 - Z7002 - Z7100 - Z7300 - E7293. 5th Canadian Armored Division. Advanced six miles and reached the ZUIDER ZEE in the area Z5010 after having repulsed several counter attacks in the area E5498 during the night. Front line change: Z5403 - Z5408 - Z5010 - Z4800 - E5395. 49th Division. Gained two to three miles west on a six-mile front after having relieved units of the 5th Canadian Armored Division in the vicinity of LUNTEREN E5589. Front line change: E5885 - E5784 - E5883 - E5880 - E5878 - E5676.

AIR. (17 Apr). Eighth Air Force: Dispatched 1,054 bombers against railroad centers, junctions, marshalling yards and railroad stations in eastern Germany and western Czechoslovakia. 981 bombers dropped 2,519.4 tons of general purpose and 204.8 tons of incendiary bombs on assigned targets. 782 fighters sortied in support of the bomber operations. Numerous airfields were strafed. Claims included 19 enemy aircraft in the air and 399 enemy aircraft damaged or destroyed on the ground. Losses were 13 fighters and 7 bombers. Ninth Air Force. IX Bombardment Division dispatched 421 bombers against targets in Germany. The Tactical Air Commands flew 1,349 sorties. Claims included 11 enemy aircraft in the air and 142 enemy aircraft on the ground, 534 motor transport, 195 locomotives and 21 gun positions. 3 Aircraft were lost.

4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: None. Clouds: Small amounts. Visibility: 2 to 3 miles at dawn, except in fog where limited to 1,000 yards, becoming 3 to 5 miles by 1000B and 5 to 8 miles by noon. Wind: Light and variable. Temperatures at WIESBADEN: Maximum 76° F. Minimum 43° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

12TH ARMY GROUP. THIRD ARMY. Enemy resistance in the army zone was generally moderate to scattered. (Army Troops). 474th Infantry. (Non-Divisional). No change. 70th Division. No change. 16th Armored Division. No change.

XII Corps. 71st Division. The 66th Infantry assembled in vicinity of LANZENDORF 07668. 26th Division. Advanced east up to three miles and reached the vicinity of 09995. Front line change: 09995. 90th Division. Advanced east up to three miles on an eight-mile front. Front line change: P0197 - K0000 - K0201 - K0302 - K0401 - K0505 - K0707 - K0709. 11th Armored Division. Combat Command "R" and Combat Command "D" relieved units of the 71st Division along the line 07955 - 08162 - 08167 - 08473. 2d Cavalry Group. Relieved units of the 5th and 14th Infantry Regiments (71st Division) along the line 07753 - 07955.

VIII Corps. 87th Division. Advanced east up to nine miles on a nine-mile front. Captured PLAUE K1220. The 345th Infantry assembled in the vicinity of PLAUE. Front line change: K2217 - K2318 - K2420 - TREUEN K2325 - LENGENFELD K2729. 89th Division. Advanced east on a twelve-mile front and gained up to thirteen-miles. Captured CREIZ K1537. Front line change: K3031 - K3131 - K3740 - K3841 - K4240 and K3650. 65th Division. Passed to the control of XX Corps in place. 6th Cavalry Group. Proceeded the advance of the 89th Division. Advanced east on a fourteen-mile front and gained up to seventeen-miles. Front line change: K5043 - K4444 - K4350 - K1051.

XX Corps. 4th Armored Division. Combat Command "A" relieved the 319th Infantry (80th Div) on the front line. 80th Division. The 319th Infantry was relieved by Combat Command "B" of the 4th Armored Division. 3d Cavalry Group. The 43d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron closed in the vicinity of ERFURT J3169.

FIRST ARMY. (Army Troops). 20th Armored Division. (With the 112th RCT atcho) No change.

V Corps. 9th Armored Division. Advanced north up to two miles and reached the vicinity of E3927. Consolidated positions and mopped up resistance along the MULDE River. Front line change: E3927. 69th Division. Mopped up behind the 9th Armored Division. Advanced north on a two-mile front and gained up to xix-miles. Front line change: E3014. 2d Division. Renewed attack on LEPZIG E2214. Advanced east on a six-mile front and gained up to five miles against moderate to heavy resistance. Front line change: E1908 - E1912 - E1914 - E1715 - E1717.

VII Corps. 104th Division. Advanced east up to three miles on a four-mile front. Captured SANDERSDORF E1346 and ROITZSCH E1340. The 114th Infantry continued heavy fighting in HALLE D9429 and cleared the enemy from two-thirds of the town. Front line change: ROITZSCH E1340 - SANDERSDORF E1346. 3d Armored Division. Eliminated an enemy infiltration in the vicinity of E0956 after a bitter fight. Captured TORTHEIM E1164. Combat Command "R" advanced north four miles and reached AKEN D9C70. Combat Command "A" attacked southeast and gained up to two miles on a three-mile front. Combat Command "B" withdrew all elements from the MULDE River bridgehead, in the vicinity of E1365, to the west bank. Front line change: THALHEIM E1148 - E1253 - BCREAU STEINFURTH E1353 and AKEN D9670. 9th Division. (With the 4th Cav Gp atched). Advanced north up to five miles on an eighteen-mile front against moderate to heavy resistance from dug-in infantry and tanks. Captured GUSTEM D6662, ILBERSTEDT D7163 and WILSLEBEN D5462. The 39th Infantry contacted units of the 8th Armored Division (Ninth Army) in the vicinity of D5662. The 4th Cavalry Group was attached to the division and assembled in the vicinity of D5840. Front line change: D5362 - WILSLEBEN D5462 - D4553 - D4449. 1st Division. The 4th Cavalry Group was detached from the division and attached to the 9th Division. The 1st Division advanced north one mile to the vicinity of

D0252 against resistance from dug-in infantry and tanks. Front line change: D0252.

III Corps. The Corps Headquarters departed from the First Army Area. 5th Division. Occupied the area of the 7th Armored Division and the 99th Division. Continued mopping up scattered pockets of enemy resistance. The division passed to the direct control of the First Army at 181200B, and assumed responsibility for the entire III Corps area. 7th Armored Division. Detached from III Corps and attached to the V Corps at 171200B. 99th Division. The 394th Infantry and the 395th Infantry cleared the First Army area enroute to Third Army. 14th Cavalry Group. Departed from the First Army area.

XVIII Airborne Corps. All organized resistance in the RUHR Pocket coased. 86th Division. Commenced movement from the First Army area at 181050B. 8th Division. Continued mopping up scattered pockets of resistance in the division zone of action. 78th Division. One Regimental Combat Team was enroute to DIERDORF F9416. 97th Division. All organized resistance in the division sector collapsed. The 303d Infantry occupied DUSSeldorf F3392 without opposition. 13th Armored Division. Advanced north up to thirteen miles against light resistance and contacted Ninth Army troops in the vicinity of A3312. Continued to mop up scattered pockets of enemy resistance. Front line change: 18312.

NINTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 8th Armored Division. (Less CCR and CCA). No change.

XIX Corps. 330th Infantry. Advanced east in the HARZ Mountains and gained up to four miles on a one-mile front. Front line change: D0361. Combat Command "A" and Combat Command "B" 8th Armored Division. No change. 83d Division. (Loss the 330th Infantry and with CCR 2d Armd Div and 320th Inf atchd). The 320th Infantry advanced south up to two miles on an eight-mile front. Front line change: GERBITZ D8168 - D8670 - D9070 - D9472. 2d Armored Division. (Less CCR and with the 119th Inf atchd). Attacked northeast and advanced up to one mile on a two-mile front in MAGDEBURG D6699 against heavy resistance. Front line change: D6896. 30th Division. (Loss the 119th Inf). Attacked east and advanced up to two miles on a two-mile front in MAGDEBURG against strong resistance. Front line change: D6798 - 06578 - D6499 - X6500 - Y6600 - Y6700 - Y6801. 113th Cavalry Group. Contacted units of the VII Corps (First Army) at GUSTEN D6682 and BERNBURG D7662.

XIII Corps. 407th Infantry. The Regiment was attached to the 5th Armored Division. 335th Infantry. Mopping up enemy pocket in the vicinity of Y1050. 5th Armored Division. (With the 407th Inf atchd). The 407th Infantry attacked the enemy pocket in the woods in the vicinity of Y1050. Combat Command "A" was enroute to an assembly area in the vicinity of Y0158.

XVI Corps. 79th Division. The 313th Infantry relieved units of the 95th Division in the vicinity of A9020. 95th Division. The division was in the process of taking over its area of responsibility between the RUHR River and the Ninth Army north boundary. 29th Division. Relieved from attachment to XVI Corps and attached to the XIII Corps.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. (Army Troops). 66th Division. (With the 422d and 423rd RCT's atchd). No change. 106th Division. (Loss the 422d and 423rd RCT's). No change.

XXIII Corps. No change.

XXII Corps. No change.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 172400B).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
12th Army Group Battle	71,475	292,106	36,410	9,602	409,593
Non-battle					306,039
				Total Casualties	715,662

7. COMMAND POSTS. (Changes during the day).*

6th Army Group	
3d Division	O4513
12th Armored Division	N9101
14th Armored Division	O3036

21 Army Group	
XII Corps	WALSRODE X2575
3d Division	W6679
5th Division	W5520
43d Division	W2373
51st Division	W5779
53d Division	X0974
6th Airborne Division	X9585
7th Armored Division	X3388
11th Armored Division	X7695
Guards Armored Division	X1467

12th Army Group	
26th Division	HALBERSTADT 08389
80th Division	LIEPACHT K5383
97th Division	SOLINGEN FC486

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